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REMARKS

The present application now includes claims 1, 3-12 and 100-106. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 101 and 105 have been currently amended. Claims 1, 9, 11, 101 and 105 are independent claims. The response refers primarily to the independent claims. The patentability of the dependent claims follows at least for the reason of being dependent on an independent claim that is patentable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 U.S.C. §112

In the office action the Examiner states that claims 1, 3-8 and 100 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite by referring to phrases which lack antecedent basis in claims 1 and 7. The applicant has amended claims 1 and 7 to refer to the correct phrase ("a plurality of printed circuit boards"). This amendment is clearly the result of an oversight in amending claim 1 previously.

CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 U.S.C. §102

In the office action the Examiner states that claims 9-12, 102-104 and 106 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hofman (US Patent No. 6,120,493).

The applicant has amended independent claims 9 and 11 to specifically state that the electrodes extend from the thickness of the printed circuit boards in contrast to Hofman.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3, 5-8, 100, 101 and 105 contain allowable content. The applicant has amended claims 101 and 105 to independent form as recommended by the Examiner.

Based on the above amendments and remarks the applicants believe that all the pending claims should now be allowable and respectfully await an allowance. If the Examiner is unable to agree that the claims are all patentable, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at toll free 1 (877) 428-5468. This number connects directly to our office in Israel. Please note that Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington and that our work week is Sunday-Thursday.

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